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SUBJ: UK/FRENCH AGREEMENT ON BEGINNING OF CONCORDE SERVICE

1. IN BBC TELEVISION INTERVIEW EVENING MARCH 25 AND TIMES ARTICLE MARCH 26, INDUSTRY SECRETARY BENN REPORTED ON AGREEMENT REACHED WITH FRENCH TRANSPORT MINISTER CAVAILLE IN PARIS, MARCH 25, THAT AIRLINES OF BOTH COUNTRIES WILL BEGIN CONCORDE SERVICES ON SAME DATE EITHER LATE IN 75 OR EARLY IN 76. FIRST ROUTES TO BE OPERATED WILL BE BY AIR FRANCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO AND SAN PAULO VIA DAKAR AND BY BRITISH AIRWAYS TO BAHRAIN. LATER IN 76, PROBABLY APRIL, THE TIMES SAID, BOTH CARRIERS WOULD PLAN ON SERVING NEW YORK ASSUMING NECESSARY US AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

2. IN TV INTERVIEW, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT SALES OF CONCORDE, BENN SAID HE FELT CERTAIN IRAN WOULD MAKE DECISION TO PURCHASE AIRCRAFT.

3. ACCORDING TO TIMES ARTICLE, BOTH BENN AND CAVAILLE SAID ADDITIONAL CONCORDE AIRCRAFT BEYOND 16 PRESENTLY ON ASSEMBLY LINES WILL NOT BE CONSTRUCTED UNTIL ORIGINAL 16 HAVE BEEN SOLD.

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